

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3324 - SB 3711

February 28, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Effective November 6, 2012, authorizes a member of the General Assembly to receive such member's monthly expense allowance of \$1,000 up to 90 days in advance of the date upon which the allowance is ordinarily due and payable if the member files a written request with the Office of Legislative Administration (OLA). Prohibits payment of such an advance within the 90-day period preceding the November general election. A \$50 processing fee and one percent per annum interest charge for each month in advance that the request is made will be deducted from the monthly expense allowance prior to issuing the advance payment to the member. If a member has received such an advanced allowance and the member resigns or dies before the month the allowance would otherwise be due and payable, the state would be a creditor having a claim against the member's estate for the unreimbursed amount.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$10,600

Assumptions:

- Under current law, each member of the General Assembly is paid a monthly expense allowance of \$1,000 to provide for expenses relative to the member's official duties when away from the seat of government.
- According to the OLA, an additional temporary position would be necessary to handle the additional paperwork and requests. A session payroll clerk would be hired at a cost of \$10,560 (\$12 per hour x 8 hours per day x 5 days per week x 22 weeks).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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